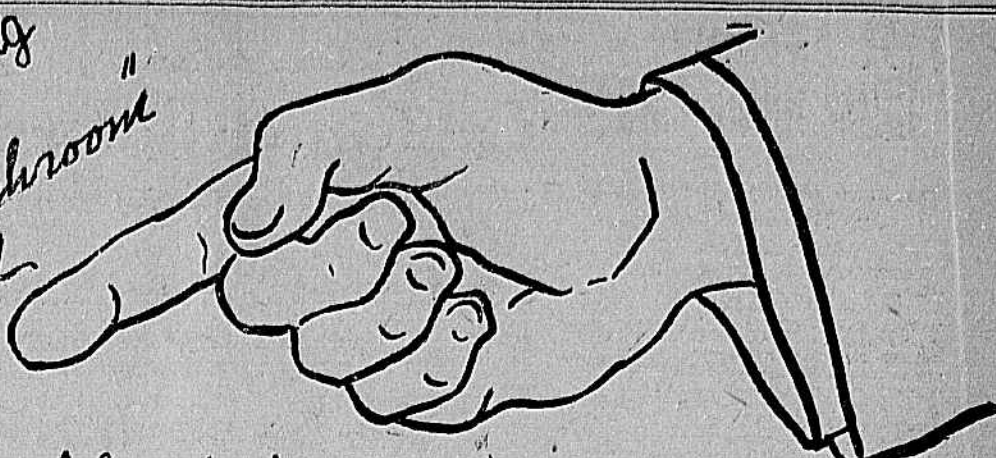


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Journal



WHO IS THE LITTLE JOKER?

Our newspaper friends are given a new inspiration for their quips and jokes in the attempt of some facetious member of the laundry craft who seeks to place on view in Richmond, when the L. N. A. of A. meets, the shirt of the Governor of each State. This great effort is apparently without the knowledge of the Executive Committee, who seem to exclude it from their report. It is certainly novel and a splendid advertisement for Richmond, but the most of us will fail to see wherein the linen of the Governor is more interesting than that of plain John Doe or Tom Smith or Blinking Blank. A shirt is a shirt for a' that, and the celebrity of the wearer cuts no ice in the judgment of the launderer. We hope the little joker will confine himself to his chosen field and not wander into the ranks of celebrated or popular actresses for a display of lingerie. It might prove so fascinating and alluring an exhibit that business would be lost sight of. But our journalistic friends enjoy this new sensation, as is evident from the editorial comments which follow:

Want to Wash Governor Carroll's Shirt.

The Royal Laundry Company, of Richmond, Va., wants the privilege of washing one of Governor Carroll's shirts. In their letter requesting this privilege they specify that the shirt sent to be washed must be one which the Governor of Iowa has worn at least for two days.

A letter was received this morning at the Governor's office stating that the National Laundry Association is to meet in Richmond next year, and that the members of the Richmond branch of the organization desire the Governor of each State and other prominent men to send a dirty shirt to the convention, so that the shirts of these prominent men could be washed at a public exhibition.

Homer Wood, the Governor's clerk, in the absence of Governor Carroll, has been compelled to delay complying with the request, as he is not certain that Governor Carroll wants to send a shirt to Richmond, Va., to be washed.—Des Moines (Ia.) Capital.

Laundrymen Ask for Hadley's Shirts for Governors' Wash Day.

OMAHA

Omaha, got wrecked train, and was badly injured when the organization completed at a meeting November 30. At that time the charter for the and a constitution and by-laws.

Last April the Omaha meeting had been meeting average attendance of about business meetings have been spring will hold over until President, M. M. Roberts, Secretary, J. F. Daly, arms, G. M. Schindler, of plants, and fourteenth Omaha and one from

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SHE NEVER SMOKED BEFORE HUSBAND

Mrs. Brokaw Denies Various Charges and Case Is Concluded.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The sensational and long drawn out Brokaw separation suit came to a close to-day, so far as the taking of testimony is concerned. Adjournment was taken to Saturday, when the case will be finally submitted to Justice Purnam for his decision, after W. Gould Brokaw's attorneys have presented a statement of their client's financial position.

The closing of the proceedings to-day took everybody by surprise. It came soon after Mr. Brokaw's cross-examination had been concluded and

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw had been recalled.

The plaintiff was well fortified with denials of charges made by her husband. She emphatically denied that Mr. Brokaw had ever told her about a threat made by her father, Mr. Blair, at Atlantic City, to kill the millionaire. She declared that she had never smoked cigarettes in her husband's presence before their marriage, as Mr. Brokaw had testified, and she denied ever telling her maid that she expected soon to set up a house of her own and wanted the maid to work for her.

Before Mrs. Brokaw was called, Messrs. McIntyre and Bushe, for Mr. Brokaw, told the court that their client had made statements on the witness stand regarding his financial condition that were found to be incorrect. As a matter of fact, the lawyers declared, Mr. Brokaw at the present moment did not know what his actual financial position was. They asked for two days in which to prepare a statement.

The court granted until Saturday when a session of the court will be held.

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's attorneys declared, at the opening of the court

at Mineola to-day, their belief that they had established by Mr. Brokaw's own testimony two grounds for a legal separation.

The net result of Mr. Brokaw's response on the witness stand, the plaintiff's lawyers claim, should lead the court to declare that the espionage of servants upon Mrs. Brokaw tacitly admitted by the witness, establishes the cruelty charge and that abandonment was shown by Mr. Brokaw's legal action in Paris and the statements he made in letters to his wife and her mother, Mrs. Blair.

TRAFFIC HOLDING UP.

No Reduction Will Be Made in Number of Boats.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 29.—The Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, which runs three steamers a week from Baltimore to this city, usually changes its schedule during the mid-winter, reducing the number to two boats a week, but it is stated that no change will be made this winter, three steamers a week continuing to arrive and depart from this port as at present. This is an indication that freight and passenger traffic on the Rappahannock River and between this city and Baltimore is better than usual.

Ben Scott, colored, was fined by Police Justice Danahy \$50 and costs, amounting to \$54.50, for illegally selling liquor here, this being a dry territory. Scott was also required to give bond in the sum of \$500 for good behavior. C. O'Connor, Gooldick, his counsel, noted an appeal.

The Board of Supervisors of Lancaster county has shortened the season for shooting partridges, making the limit January 15. The time fixed by the Legislature is February 1, but boards of supervisors of counties have the power to shorten the season.

Mrs. Lewis McCauley has instituted suit in the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania county for a divorce from her husband, Lewis E. McCauley, on the grounds of desertion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Blake, of Middlesex county, celebrated their golden wedding to-day at their home, Whiteings, in that county.

The fish guano factory of the Wharton Fisheries Company, at Dymers Creek, in Lancaster county, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The loss was \$22,000, and insurance was only \$10,000.

VICTIMS OF WRECK RAPIDLY RECOVERING

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GREENSBORO, N. C., December 29.—Of the six victims of the Reedy Fork wreck, near here, December 15, when twelve passengers were killed and twenty-five injured, now remaining in St. Leo's Hospital here, all are gradually improving. Frank Smith, of Danville, whose case was considered hopeless for days at last regained consciousness, though his injured brain has not yet recovered sufficiently to enable him to recognize any one.

W. T. Carter, of Danville, traveling auditor of the Southern, whose shoulder was wrenched and who suffered intern in injuries, is recovering rapidly. Four others still at the hospital are Messrs. Doble, Mayre, Eldridge and Watterson, of Richmond and Manchester. They will be able to leave the hospital within the next few days.

Engineer George Wagner, of Dan-

ville, who was a passenger on the wrecked train, and was badly injured about the head, was able to be taken home to-day, but will return later for an operation.

JUST WANTED TO SHOOT, AND HE BLAZED AWAY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, Va., December 29.—"I'm going to shoot some one, and it may as well be you," remarked Julius Copeland, a negro, at a Christmas tree celebration last night in Holland. The remark was addressed to Buck Stephens, also colored. Copeland then drew a .44-calibre pistol and fired at Stephens, who dodged behind Charles Ballard, aged fourteen. The boy received the bullet in his abdomen, and it has not yet been removed. He was brought to a Suffolk hospital to-day. He will probably die. Copeland had a preliminary hearing before Justice Elihu Joyner, and was held for indictment without bail.

Trouble Is Settled.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., December 29.—The grievance of the employees of the Southern Railway shops at Spencer came to an end when W. F. Norman, who was charged with brutal treatment of his subordinates, resigned as foreman of the roundhouse. The alleged ill-treatment of the employees caused a strike of all the machinists at Spencer a month ago. The matter, which caused considerable commotion on account of the charges made against the roundhouse foreman, was finally adjusted by the machinists returning to work pending a hearing in the matter before the Southern Railway officials at Washington.

CHIEF IS ASSAULTED BY HIS ASSISTANT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, Va., December 29.—Chief of Police Robert Newkirk, of Bluefield, W. Va., was assaulted while lying in bed at his room at headquarters there yesterday by Night Chief Policeman A. A. McDonald.

Chief Newkirk had three ribs broken, his body and eyes blackened with blows, and suffered injury to his collar bone.

There was no known provocation for the attack.

It is said that there had been bad feeling between the two officers for some time. Mayor Stowers has suspended McDonald pending an investigation by the Board of Affairs. Newkirk says he will not prosecute McDonald.

WANTS CIVIL ENGINEER FOR ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STAUNTON, Va., December 29.—The board of supervisors of Augusta county will ask the Legislature to empower it to employ a civil engineer as county superintendent and place under his charge all the roads of the county, both the old and the new. The board was led to take this step by seeing the good results accomplished in Staunton in street work under the city's general manager.

The board has contracted with J. M. Colvin, of Cupeper, to construct four and one-half miles of macadam on the Staunton-Greenville Road at \$4,500 per mile. This is a part of the New York to Atlanta automobile route.

Officers Installed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MONTEREY, Va., December 29.—Highland Lodge, No. 110, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at its stated communication last evening, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Harry E. Slaven, worshipful master; J. Clifton Matheny, senior warden; C. M. Lunsford, junior warden; W. H. Matheny, secretary; H. C. Lunsford, treasurer; W. W. Samples, senior deacon; E. A. McNulty, junior deacon; Rev. C. L. Potter, chaplain; A. L. Eastham, tiler.

The lodge will next summer erect a handsome temple on Street.

accepted by Elisha Lee, superintendent of the railroad company.

The delegation was composed of the following citizens of Parsley: H. T. Mason, R. A. Causey, R. D. White, Edward Colona, G. C. Mathews, D. H. Johnson, O. L. Ewell, E. S. Parson, J. T. Ewell, H. R. Bennett, J. H. Hopkins, Fletcher Barnes, Judge E. W. Maxon, S. W. Parks.

Killed in Sawmill.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
QUINQUE, Va., December 29.—W. S. Wright, aged about sixty-three years, was killed by being caught in his sawmill. In reaching to adjust a head block his overcoat was blown against the saw, hurling him against it, cutting off one arm and one leg. He died a few minutes afterward. His home was in Ruckersville, and he was killed near Ehcarts. Several of his children were in New York at the time of his death. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Tom Grimsley, his pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hollman. Mr. Wright was a member of the Baptist Church.

Heavy Fire Loss.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, Va., December 29.—The residence, storehouse and meat-house

of George Robert Bunting at Reid's Ferry were burned early to-day, together with practically all of the contents, except the meat. The loss is \$1,000, with no insurance.

Game Plentiful.

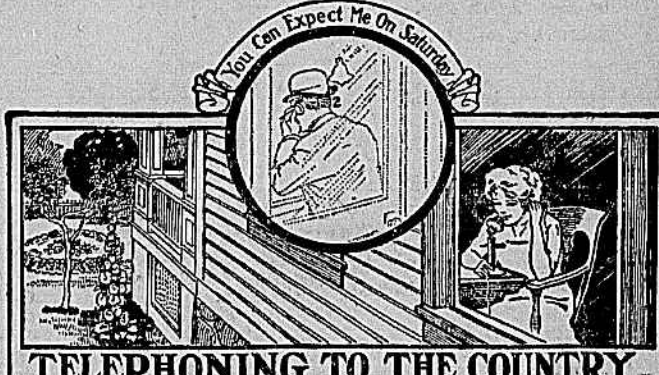
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FRELING, Va., December 29.—Considerable trapping for animals is being done in this section. Fur-bearing animals of the smaller kind are said to be more plentiful than usual. Minks, opossums, skunks, foxes and raccoons are being caught. Considerable shooting is being done. The game laws are not being observed heretofore.

Saunders—Howard.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va., December 29.—Robert B. Saunders and Miss Mary P. Howard, daughter of James Howard, of Caroline county, were married to-day at the Methodist parsonage at this place by the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Shiffert—Thyne.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 29.—Cornelius Shiffert and Miss Nellie K. Payne, of Charlottesville, were married at the Belmont Methodist parsonage by the Rev. R. P. Lumpkin.



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